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- b) DSS agrees with this recommendation; which has been implemented. SCDSS licensing already requires the Firearms Disclosure form at the initial licensure of resource families. Firearms are required to be kept in a secure, locked location.
- c) Proof of insurance is not currently required. SCDSS would support this recommendation and will meet with the Foster Parent Association to develop an implementation plan.
- d) Photo identification of all adults residing in a Resource Family home is already a licensing requirement.
- e) Central Registry and Sex Offender Registry checks are already a requirement for initial licensure of Resource Families and those seeking renewal. This is also required for any adults living in their home.

Midlands County Citizen Review Panel recommends for the Department of Social Services to continue focusing on Independent Living service delivery; which the South Carolina Department of Social Services has agreed to provide the CRP with updates during quarterly meetings.

SCDSS has been working to enhance its Independent Living program and increase service delivery to youth. A new IL Coordinator will be in place effective June 17, 2014. New processes for obtaining IL funds will be in place effective July 1, 2014 to increase timeliness of fund availability. IL staff will transition to "IL Advocates" with increased presence in each region. IL advocates will team with child welfare practitioners to ensure that all eligible youth receive appropriate services and funds.

Upstate Citizen Review Panel recommends for the Department of Social Services to continue focusing on Trauma Informed Care services; which the South Carolina Department of Social Services has agreed to provide the CRP with updates during quarterly meetings regarding the Trauma Informed Initiative and the partnership with Project Best.